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THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM BOMBAY SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO  
CLACUTTA AND MADRAS DTD 16 JULY IS REPEATED:

QUOTE

BOMBAY 1433

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TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJ: GUJARAT RIOTS

REF: NEW DELHI 8354, BOMBAY 1399

1. SPORADIC RIOTING WHICH BROKE OUT IN AHMEDABAD AND  
THEREAFTER IN BARODA OVER PERIOD JULY 14-16 RESULTING IN  
SEVERAL DEATHS AND COINCIDING WITH POLL OF LEGISLATIVE WING  
CONGRESS PARTY FOR CM, WAS IN OUR VIEW MANIFESTATION POPULAR  
DISCONTENT WITH CONGRESS PARTY POLITICAL MANEUVERING AGAINST  
BACKDROP GROWING POPULAR DISSATISFACTION WITH RISING PRICES,  
FOOD SHORTAGES, ETC. FOODGRAIN SHOPS AND EDIBLE OIL DEPOTS  
WERE PRINCIPAL

TARGETS OF LOOTERS AND MOB IN BARODA ALSO  
BURNED EFFIGY OF SANAT MEHTA, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES MIN  
IN OUTGOING OZA MINISTRY. THE RIOTS WHICH FIRST ERUPTED  
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IN AHMEDABAD WERE AN OUTGROWTH OF THE STUDENT

DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING "THE POLITICS OF OPPORTUNISM" ON  
EVE OF CONGRESS PARTY ELECTIONS. WHILE OZA WHO CARETAKER CM  
AT TIME RULED OUT COMMUNAL VIOLENCE, ALL INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE TO US SUGGESTS THAT RIOTS DID TAKE COMMUNAL  
TURN. RIOTS OCCURRED IN AREAS INHABITED BY BOTH HINDUS  
AND MUSLIMS. POLICE ACTION IN BOTH CITIES WAS ACCORDING TO  
ALL REPORTS FIRM AND EFFECTIVE AND SITUATION GUJARAT HAS  
BEEN CALM SINCE 16TH.

2. COMMENTS: RIOTS IN OUR VIEW LARGELY SPONTANEOUS OUTBURSTS  
REFLECTING POPULAR IMPATIENCE AND DISSATISFACTION WITH  
CONGRESS PARTY'S ALMOST TOTAL PREOCCUPATION WITH FACTIONAL  
INFIGHTING. SUCH RIOTS CAN QUICKLY SPAWN VANDALISM AND  
COMMUNAL OUTBURSTS. WE MAY SEE MORE OF THIS KIND OF OUTBREAK  
IF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS INCREASE AND CONGRESS PARTY CONTINUES  
PREOCCUPY ITSELF WITH FACTIONAL INFIGHTING.

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